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UNAMIR officials with whom Kigali emboffs have spoken in recent days have expressed disappointment with the new mandate, describing it as vague and unworkable. Force Commander Tousignant was particularly discouraged, telling Ambassador Rawson that Vice President Kagame had "won" the negotiations over the mandate and that the troops left in the field after the drawdown will not amount to much. He predicted that the mandate will not be renewed and that UNAMIR would leave Rwanda by late December.

Eight Rwandan military officers nominated by the MOD to participate in a June 26-30 planning conference at the Naval Justice School in Rhode Island will travel June 20 to Kampala to receive their visas. The purpose of the conference is to develop a curriculum for human rights and military justice EIMET training appropriate for Rwanda. The eight are scheduled to arrive in Newport June 23.

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President Ntibantunganya announced June 18 on national television the imposition of a "non-state of emergency," which includes a variety of measures to increase government control and prevent further outbreaks of conflict. Among the most significant measures are that the President is to rule by decree until the next session of Parliament begins in October, that both military and political commissioners will be appointed for each administrative division and urban area, and that all political meetings and demonstrations are banned.

Sporadic killings of Hutus continue throughout the country and the overall situation is deteriorating. Fighting has continued in Kamenge since June 17, with shots and grenade explosions heard sporadically.

In a meeting with AF/C Deputy Director Reed Fendrick, Belgian Embassy Political Counselor Johan Verbeke said that the GOB is very worried that the situation is deteriorating in Burundi. According to the Belgian MFA, the extremists are gaining power in Bujumbura and President Ntibantunganya is under growing pressure to resign. Belgian dependents and non-government personnel are returning home for their regular summer vacation. Brussels will decide before the end of the summer whether they should return, depending on prevailing security conditions.

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